

STUDENT GOVERNMENT



LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Resolution No. Fall SG1213-16

Introduced by: Rep. Jay Gage

A RESOLUTION TO: Endorse Michigan Senate Bill 756, Submit a resolution endorsing that legislation to the Student Association of Michigan, and to provide funding to for travel to Lansing

Whereas, On January 24, 2010, Kelsey Raffaele a 17-year-old high school student was suddenly and tragically killed in an automobile accident that was later attributed to distracted driving and,

Whereas, In the wake of Kelsey's tragic death, the Michigan State Senate passed SB 756 (also known as Kelsey's Law) – legislation that would prohibit the use of cell phone and other electronic devices by Michigan teen drivers holding a Level 1 or Level 2 graduated drivers license and,

Whereas, Nationally, nearly 500 people are killed in crashes involving teen drivers each year, in Michigan, there have been more then 8,000 crashes caused by cell phone us in the past decade, and nearly 14 fatal crashes occur each day involving drivers aged 15-20 and,

Whereas, According to the Michigan State Police, 96 percent of Michigan residents believe in an increased potential of crash involvement for drivers who are texting or emailing while driving and,

Whereas, According to Michigan crash data, nearly 4,000 crashes in 2010 listed the driver condition as distracted; 881 of those indicated that a cell phone was at fault and,

Whereas, SB 756 passed the Michigan Senate with 28 Yeas and 10 Nays on March 15th, 2012, and referred the legislation to the Michigan House of Representatives where it remains delayed in committee and

Whereas, The Michigan House adopted HB 4493 (introduced by Representative Richard Leblanc) on November 10, 2010; the Michigan Senate adopted the legislation on December 2, 2010; and Governor Jennifer Granholm signed the legislation into law on December 15, 2010, be it therefore resolved



RESOLVED, the LSSU Student Government formally endorse Michigan Senate Bill 756 (House Fiscal Agency Report App. A) and,

RESOLVED, the LSSU Student Government introduce a resolution pursuing the same endorsement from the Student Association of Michigan (Resolution to SAM App. B) and be it finally resolved,

RESOLVED, that the LSSU Student Government provide funding not to exceed the total amount of one of the following funding options to provide transportation to the capitol to enable members of the Student Assembly to provide written and/or verbal testimony to the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Transportation:

Option A Laker Bus (15 Passengers):	
Flat fee cost	\$45
Lunch Per diem (15 x \$8.00)	\$120
Mackinac Bridge Cost (2 x \$4)	\$8
572 miles (first 100 free) x .99/a mile	\$467.28
Total Cost:	\$640.28

Option B Fleet Mini-Van (7 Passengers):	
Flat fee cost	\$45
Lunch Per diem (7 x \$8.00)	\$56
Mackinac Bridge Cost (2 x \$4)	\$8
572 miles (first 100 free) x .57/a mile	\$269.04
Total Cost:	\$378.04

Option C Fleet Sedan (5 Passengers):	
Flat fee cost	\$45
Lunch Per diem (5 x \$8.00)	\$40
Mackinac Bridge Cost (2 x \$4)	\$8
572 miles (first 100 free) x .57/a mile	\$221.84
Total Cost:	\$314.84

INTRODUCED IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESULT:

Approved

Defeated

President: Ramsey G.T. A'Ve

Operational Manager: Alyssa Jacobs



STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN
2012-2013 Academic Year

A resolution to endorse Michigan Senate Bill 756 (Kelsey's Law) and to lobby the Michigan Legislature for the adoption of this legislation

Presented on December, 1st 2012
Motion Adopted on December 2nd 2012

Sponsor: Lake Superior State University
Co-sponsors:

- Whereas,** On January 24, 2010, Kelsey Raffaele a 17-year-old high school student was suddenly and tragically killed in an automobile accident that was later attributed to distracted driving.
- Whereas,** In the wake of Kelsey's tragic death, the Michigan State Senate passed SB 756 (also known as Kelsey's Law) – legislation that would prohibit the use of cell phone and other electronic devices by Michigan teen drivers holding a Level 1 or Level 2 graduated drivers license..
- Whereas,** Nationally, nearly 500 people are killed in crashes involving teen drivers each year, in Michigan, there have been more than 8,000 crashes caused by cell phone use in the past decade, and nearly 14 fatal crashes occur each day involving drivers aged 15-20
- Whereas,** According to the Michigan State Police, 96 percent of Michigan residents believe in an increased potential of crash involvement for drivers who are texting or emailing while driving.
- Whereas,** According to Michigan crash data, nearly 4,000 crashes in 2010 listed the driver condition as distracted; 881 of those indicated that a cell phone was at fault.
- Whereas,** SB 756 passed the Michigan Senate with 28 Yeas and 10 Nays on March 15th, 2012, and referred the legislation to the Michigan House of Representatives where it remains delayed in committee.

Whereas,

The Michigan House adopted HB 4493 (introduced by Representative Richard Leblanc) on November 10, 2010; the Michigan Senate adopted the legislation on December 2, 2010; and Governor Jennifer Granholm signed the legislation into law on December 15, 2010.

Now, therefore be it enacted by the member institutions of the Student Association of Michigan, for the betterment of the students it serves, That the Student Association of Michigan formally endorse Michigan Senate Bill 756, and further call for it to be passed through the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Transportation to come for a full vote on the House floor.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution are sent to members of the Michigan State House of Representatives Committee on Transportation; Speaker of the House Jase Bolger; Speaker Pro Tempore John Walsh; Majority Floor Leader Jim Stamas; House Minority Leader Mark Hammel; Minority Floor Leader Kate Segal; Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville; Senate Minority Leader Gretchen Whitmer; Senator Howard Walker; Governor Rick Snyder; and members of the press

AND BE IT FINALLY ORDERED, That an opportunity be afforded for any member of the SAM Executive Board, Board of Directors, or SGA of any SAM Member University to offer up written and/or verbal testimony to the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Transportation.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESULT:

Approved

Defeated

DATE

PRESIDENT
JAMES GAGE

Signing Statement:

I think that it is important to note that the motion carried unanimously.

As President, I believe this shows to the legislature that we as the collective student body here in Michigan recognize that our legislature needs to look at this as a new development in our States culture, and legislate it properly similar to current driving restrictions. As a Michigander I take pride in my State's heritage in the automotive industry, and hope that we show similar courage in being at the forefront of automotive safety.